

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN MAIZE PRICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of maize is increasing due to higher demand from the growing poultry sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to make the prices of maize affordable to the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (base 2004-05=100) for Maize has increased from 151 to 255.5 during 2009 to June 2013 as shown below:

Year	WPI
2009	151.0
2010	161.5
2011	197.8
2012	225.3
June, 2013	255.5

The increase has been due to higher demand from rising human consumption as well as from poultry and Animal Husbandry Sectors as a whole.

(c): The Government is implementing Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) to increase the productivity of maize to improve the availability and control the price.